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Election Response

In response to the Restriction required under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects Species A, shown in Figures 1 and 3 and including claims 16-25, 27 and 29-30 with claim 16 being generic.

However, the Applicant acknowledge that if a generic claim, such as claim 16, is allowed, then the Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

This election is made with traverse, and the Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications with respect to the subject matter of the non-elected species set forth in Figures 2 and 4-6 and claims 26 and 28, if no generic claim is allowed.

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Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement between the subject matter of Species A as set forth in Figures 1 and 3, Species B as set forth in Figure 4, Species C as set forth in Figure 5 and Species D as set forth in Figure 6. The Applicant has elected to proceed with Species A, including Figures 1 and 3, and claims 16-25, 27, and 29-30 with traverse.

If a generic claim is allowed, then the Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim such as those contained in the non-elected Species.

Additionally, this election is made with traverse as it is noted that the Preliminary Amendment Before an Action on the Merits filed on June 3, 2005 was not considered. In the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 3, 2005, claim 1 was cancelled in favor of claims 16-30. It is the belief of the Applicant that all claims remaining in the application are generic and therefore the election requirement is not well founded. In light of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn.

Accordingly, while the Applicant makes the election of

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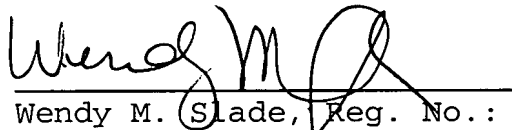
Species A including Figures 1 and 3 and claims 16-25, 27, and 29-30, the election is made with traverse.

It is not believed that any fees are due at this time, however, should this be found to be in error any deficiencies in the fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Should any additional information be required with respect to this application, it is respectfully request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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